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AND A METHOD OF MODIFYING AN OPTICAL STORAGE  
MEDIUM TO INCLUDE DISTORTION REGIONS

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**AMENDMENT E WITH PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2006. A petition requesting a three-month extension of the time period in which to respond is filed concurrently herewith. An Information Disclosure Statement is also filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

A three-month extension of time is requested for this response.